GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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ACCIDENTS DUE TO LACK OF REFLECTORS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether large number of accidents caused by the absence of reflectors on the rear side of the vehicles like tractors, trucks etc., are in Mumbai −Agra National Highway and other National Highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken/likely to be taken by the Union Government to curb such accidents;

(d) whether the Union Government proposes to involve NGOs in any such scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a)&(b) The data in respect of number of road accidents caused due to absence of reflectors on the rear side of the vehicles is not compiled by this Ministry.

(c) Even though the safety of road users is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government, this department has taken several steps to improve road safety for road users which are as under:

i) Road safety is the integral part of road design at planning stage for National Highways/Expressways.

ii) Various steps to enhance road safety such as road furniture, road markings/road signs, introduction of Highway Traffic Management System using Intelligent Transport System, enhancement of discipline among contractors during construction, road safety audit on selected stretches, have been undertaken by National Highways Authority of India.

iii) Refresher training to Heavy Motor Vehicle drivers in the unorganized sector.

iv) Involvement of NGOs for road safety activities.

v) Setting up of Model Driving Training School in the States.

vi) Publicity campaign on road safety awareness through audio-visual-print media.

vii) Conferment of National Award for voluntary organizations/individual for outstanding work in the field of road safety.

viii) Tightening of safety standards of vehicles like Seat Belts, Power-steering, rear view Mirror etc.

ix) Provision of cranes and ambulances to various State Governments/NGOs under National Highway Accident Relief Service Scheme. National Highways Authority of India also provides ambulances at a distance of 50 Km. on each of its completed stretches of National Highways under its Operation & Maintenance contracts.

x) Widening and improvements of National Highways from 2 lanes to 4 lanes and 4 lanes to 6 lanes etc.

(d) & (e) Under the scheme "Grant of financial assistance for administering Road Safety Programme", grants are given to various Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) for creating road safety awareness among road users through various activities.